

FIVE TOWN CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Representing the Towns of Great Barrington, Lee, Lenox, Sheffield and Stockbridge

Minutes
June 12, 2012
6:00pm
Stockbridge Town Office
Stockbridge, MA

Members Present: Linda Miller, Chair, Great Barrington
Paul O'Brien, Sheffield
Steve Moritz, Lee
William Sample, Lenox
David Parker, Lee
Richard-Scott Burow, Stockbridge
Rene Wood, Sheffield

Others Present: John Mucha, Time Warner
Leo Mahoney – CTSB
Jack Hoffmire – CTSB President
Denise Curtin – Recording Secretary

6:03pm Chairman Miller called the meeting to order.
All towns represented.

MINUTES: March - Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made and to approve as submitted.
Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

TIME WARNER REPORT:

- John Mucha from Time Warner was present to give the report and to answer questions.

Form 500 Report -

- The Form 500 was filed with the state and the local communities on April 16, 2012.

Alphabetical List –

- Enhancement is complete.

Intermittent Freezing –

- Time Warner researching issue.
- Original issues began mid-December 2011 at which time Time Warner replaced equipment.
- Issues experienced are picture freezing, audio continues but the picture blacks out for about 5 seconds then returns.
- This issue appears to be a new problem and John has requested that emails be sent regarding any problems, to include channel number, time it happens and what your location is.

License Renewal –

- May meeting - Process continuing.
- June meeting – John Mucha will check w/John Fogarty to confirm; tentative date will be Thursday, June 28, 2012 at 1:00pm to be held at CTSB headquarters on Rt. 102 in Lee, MA.

WTEN/ABC programming –

- WTEN, Albany, NY has exercised their right to network non-duplication protection. Determination was made that WTEN complied with FCC rules, and as a result Time Warner is now deleting ABC network programming from WCVB in Berkshire County.

Community Action –

- Leo Mahoney from CTSB has requested that Time Warner telecast the Fourth of July parade in Pittsfield on the Public Access Channel.

Time Warner/Cable Advisory Committee Field Trip

- The committee has requested to take a field trip to the Time Warner headquarters located in Rotterdam, NY to tour their headquarters, call center and studio.
- Anyone who wants to attend is invited, and all Licensing Renewal Committee members are strongly advised to attend.
- All interested parties are researching a comparable date in July for this visit which will include the License Renewal monthly negotiating meeting.
- Would like to have Marco, head of the call center, at the location at time of visit.

No further questions and thanked John Mucha for attending.

CTSB REPORT –

- Leo Mahoney from CTSB presented the report.
- Report was previously sent to the board for review.
- Highlights of the report:
- Annual meeting held on April 24, 2012. The executive board was renewed for 2012-2013. New at-large board member, Will Ryan of Alford was voted in.
- Capital budget request of \$82,420 was approved.
- The operating budget of \$384,000 was approved.
- There was a complaint from Aldo Pascucci expressing disappointment that the Memorial Day Parade in Lee was not broadcast.
- Committee member Burow asked why the Community channel does not have music all the time. Mr. Mahoney indicated that the talking chronicle is a fail safe is music is lost.
- Volunteers needed at CTSB. No experience needed.
- Donations are always appreciated.

NEW BUSINESS –

- No new business

OLD BUSINESS –

- Bob O'Haver who is the liaison for Wired West not in attendance this evening so no status update available.

OTHER BUSINESS –

- It is with deep regret that we accept the resignation of Paul O'Brien from the committee. Paul has been an amazing anchor to this committee and on the board for 5+ years. Paul has been overloaded with his generous volunteer work and has decided to relinquish his seat on not only our board, but many other boards that he has so graciously served on.
- Paul will be sadly missed.
- Motion made to put together a letter to the towns that the committee serves acknowledging Paul's resignation and service.
- Motion seconded and unanimously approved.
- Paul addressed the members present to say thank you, and to also recognize that this committee has thrived under the leadership of Linda Miller, and has grown to be a very positive and outgoing committee and will continue to successfully serve the five towns that they represent.

OPENINGS –

- There are still plenty of openings on the committee in 4 out of the 5 towns we serve.
- Great Barrington is the only town that has all 3 seats filled.

Anyone interested may apply at the Selectmen's office of your town.

The next meeting will be held on September 11, 2012 in Great Barrington at 6:00pm.

Paul O'Brien made his last motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Curtin
Recording Clerk